

Heart of Missoula Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Minutes

April 13, 2022

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Virtual Zoom

1. Introductions and Roll Call
 - a. Leah Morrow
 - b. Katie Ghen Simpson, owns
 - c. Laurel Farrell
 - d. Jay Gillhouse, designated downtown police officer
 - e. Ryan Kamura, crime prevention officer and neighborhood watch
 - f. Kalina Wickham, Neighborhood Specialist
2. Minutes for [March 9, 2022](#) were approved.
3. Presentations:
 - a. Neighborhood Watch – Tony Rollins & Police Crime Prevention Officer
Tony was unable to make it will save for another time
 - b. In general - Jay is attempting to make downtown a safer place – homeless population is a city-wide issue, planning on how to coordinate resources.
 - c. Safety concerns – lighting and walking home in the dark.
 - d. How do we stay aware of situations that are happening, is there a way to stay up to date?

Ryan – be part of neighborhood watch for updates.
Ryan – can do a walk through.
Go through and make suggestions – with cameras, lighting, landscaping, Crime prevention though environmental needs.
Get a neighborhood watch sign, get a nest camera
Jay - BID officer, so paying more attention to business because they ask more.
Does BID send out newsletters to residents?
Kalina – zone one vs two. Jay thinks he covers both.
He goes where he gets the most questions.
Kalina - residents are in zone one.
<https://www.missouladowntown.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/BID-Renewal-Brochure-2019-V3.pdf> This is the link to the BID Zones. You have to scroll down in the brochure to see the map I was trying to show you from my phone.
How to reach out to residents? Call for public nuisance, code compliance Resources.

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Officer Ryan Kamura, 406-830-5895

Missoula Police Department non-emergency phone 406-552-6300

Jay would like to talk to anyone about what they can and can't do, even if

it's a general conversation.

Ryan – when schools out the bike patrol will be out.

Two new downtown officers soon.

Linda - Downtown Missoula Partnership, may be a good resource for spreading news to residents and discussing collaboration

4. Discussion:

a. General Meeting Details

Leah – tie it into Block Party in September?

Block Party start at 2 or 3

neighborhood meeting and clean up – with businesses support

Kalina likes this idea in general – concern would be that it might look like a NS/WS general meeting. Coordinate in some way with NS/WS general meeting.

Laurel – or could use the Public Library?

Library would also be a great idea, but City is focusing on outside spaces, but who knows in September.

- What does/should a general meeting accomplish
- Katie: Tie in self-defense?
- Tentatively looking at the 10th for the block party
- Rockin Rudy's – Kalina thinks (hopefully) not the 10th

b. Neighborhood Cleanup Details – April 30th

- 2 separate sections

- How do people find out about that?

Neighborhoods can't do the reach out; they do more infrastructure and supplies.

Marketing is on clean up captain

Kalina - look into doing it at a different date – September date

Decided not to do April 30th via vote, aim for fall

Businesses reaching out to neighborhoods

Could probably reach out to business owners – Kalina could talk to Linda

Include businesses in clean up

Send out in newsletter from MDA? Katie will ask about this.

Ask businesses for help.

Kalina needs to check with dumpster/infrastructure folks to see if they would do a different day.

c. Alder Street Parking

Always a concern, Laurel has concerns as well.

Invite Parking Commission to an upcoming meeting.

5. Neighborhood Funds: \$1450

a. Needs to be spent by June 30 – how can we buy prepaid gift certificates for general meeting

Postcards

Buy stamps

Buy motion sensor lights for dark alley ways was popular

6. Community Forum report – None, no meeting

7. Missoula Neighborhoods Report – Kalina Wickham
In the middle of the grant cycle, focusing on that currently
8. Public comment on non-agenda items - none
9. Announcements - none

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